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SUBJECT: PRC COMMENTS ON IMF/IBRD MEMBERSHIP

1. GERMAN EMBOFF (TRUHART) HAS BRIEFED US ON HIS JANUARY 21 MEETING WITH MFA (YEH--INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS) CONCERNING CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. TRUHART ASKED YEH SPECIFICALLY WHETHER THE PRC LETTER TO THE IMF OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION OF PRC INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE IMF.

2. YEH RESPONDED THAT THE QUESTION OF THE "CHIANG CLIQUE'S" REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WAS A MATTER COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE QUESTION OF PRC MEMBERSHIP. THE PRC HAD POINTED THIS OUT TO THE IMF IN 1950, 1973 AND AGAIN LAST YEAR. THERE COULD BE NO "PRECONDITIONS" FOR THE EXPULSION OF TAIWAN NOR COULD THERE BE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE IMF BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE CHIANG CLIQUE.

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3. YEH EVADED A DIRECT RESPONSE TO TRUHART'S QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROSPECTIVE RETURN OF GOLD TO THE ROC AFTER APRIL 1. YEH RESTATED THE PRC POSITION THAT THE GOLD BELONGED TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE HANDED OVER TO THE ROC. HE ASKED FOR FRG SUPPORT IN THE IMF FOR THIS POSITION.

4. IN ANSWER TO MORE GENERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRC
VIEWS OF IMF/IBRD ACTIVITIES AND THE VALUE OF MEMBER-
SHIP, YEH SAID MERELY THAT THE PRC WAS STUDYING THE
MATTER.

5. TRUHART SEES NO INDICATION THE PRC INTENDS TO
SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE FUND OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION
BEFORE THE APRIL 1 DEADLINE. WE AGREE.
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